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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: John E. Gunderman et al.  
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Title: IN-GROUND CONTAINER  
STABILIZER FOR NURSERY  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Advisory Action dated February 11, 2003, and the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2002. This paper is submitted within the fifth month of the statutory period set for response. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time.

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